NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE DRAFT FOOD WASTE REDUCTION PLAN TO REDUCE FOOD WASTE IN NEW JERSEY BY 50% BY 2030

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Division of Solid & Hazardous Waste hereby gives notice that it is developing a plan pursuant to N.J.S.A 13:1E-226 et seq. (P.L. 2017, c.136) to reduce the amount of food waste generated annually in the State by 50 percent.

The public comment period on the draft food waste reduction plan begins on the date of the publication of this notice and will end on September 27, 2019.

The draft plan (and N.J.S.A. 13:1E-226 et seq.) are available for review at www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/foodwasteplan.pdf or can be obtained via email upon request to reducefoodwaste@dep.nj.gov.

Any interested person may submit written comments during this period directly to the DEP concerning the draft plan to:

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As required by N.J.S.A 13:1E-227.b(1) et seq., the DEP is hosting three public hearings as part of its development of the food waste reduction plan. Interested parties are encouraged to attend one of the public hearings. The public hearings will be held as follows:

September 10, 2019 from 9:00-11:00 AM
Public Hearing Room
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
401 E. State Street
Trenton, NJ 08625

September 17, 2019 from 6:00-8:00 PM Atlantic County Utilities Authority 6700 Delilah Road Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

September 19, 2019 from 6:00-8:00 PM Environment Center Auditorium at NJ Sports and Exposition Agency 2 De Korte Park Plaza Lyndhurst, NJ 07071 The public is invited to comment on the draft plan at the public hearings, but any comments must also be submitted to the DEP in writing prior to the close of the comment period at the address above. Written comments may also be submitted at the public hearings.

The DEP will answer limited questions at the public hearings as time allows but will not present the draft plan in detail. Interested parties are encouraged to become familiar with the draft plan prior to the public hearings.